

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 13, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMMONS submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Scholfield, for the renewal of a patent, report :*

The petitioner obtained, on the 15th of May, 1836, letters patent for "an improved governor or regulator for equalizing and governing the motion of machinery driven by water or steam power," and at the expiration of the original term of fourteen years obtained from the Patent Office an extension thereof for seven years which term expired on the 15th day of May, 1857. He now applies for a further extension of the patent for a term of seven years.

The petitioner alleges that he has not received an adequate compensation for the time, labor, expense, and ingenuity bestowed upon the invention and in its introduction to general use, and presents an account showing the nett profits of the patent to have been \$3,912 90, all of which accrued during the extended period of seven years, and that nothing was made upon the patent during the fourteen years of its original existence. The account shows, however, that 539 governors were sold during the first fourteen years, while only 142 machines were sold during the extended term of seven years, to which should be added certain privileges to make and use, sold to the corporations of Lowell, Manchester, and a few other corporations and individuals. The petitioner presents no evidence of the utility of his invention beyond the number of machines he states to have been sold.

The committee think that the petitioner does not present a case calling for the special legislation of Congress in his behalf, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

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